

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MBABAN 01564 110943Z

11

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 FAA-00 MCT-01 SY-05

L-03 /035 W

----- 073055

R 110745Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0181

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MBABANE 1564

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, WZ

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: STATE 212490; STATE 215467

1. IN CALL SEPTEMBER 2 ON MINISTER OF WORKS, POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR SWAZI AIRPORTS, CHARGE CONVEYED USG'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY. NOTED THAT COMPLETE ABSENCE OF SECURITY MEASURES AT SWAZILAND'S ONLY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MANZINI, COULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO TERRORISTS DESIRING TO DRAMATIZE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. (FACT THAT MANZINI HAS NO TRANSIT FLIGHTS REDUCES DANGER SOMEWHAT.) CHARGE INVITED GOS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF INVITING FAA AIRPORT SECURITY SPECIALIST, WITHOUT PROMISING SPECIFIC TIMING OF VISIT. CHARGE URGED GOS ALSO CONSIDER RATIFYING 1970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTIONS THIS SUBJECT. EMBASSY APPROACH LATER CONFIRMED IN LETTER TO MINISTER AND NOTE TO DEPARTMENT OF FONAFFS.

2. MINISTER SHARED USG'S CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITY RELATED TO MANZINI AIRPORT, OWING HEIGHTENED WORLD INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MBABAN 01564 110943Z

HE READILY CONCEDED MANZINI AIRPORT SECURITY NON-

EXISTENT AND WELCOMED OUTSIDE HELP IN IDENTIFYING
AREAS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION. (FYI, RECENT OFFICIAL
EMBASSY VISITOR OBSERVED THAT SWAZI AIRLINE REP
AT MANZINI CHECK-IN COUNTER SHOWED NO PARTICULAR
INTEREST IN FACT THAT PORTUGUESE PASSENGER SLATED
FOR MANZINI-JOHANNESBURG FLIGHT WAS CARRYING PISTOL.)

3. FORMAL GOS RESPONSE TO EMBASSY APPROACH IS LIKELY
TO BE ROUTINELY DELAYED. HOWEVER, RECOMMEND
DEPARTMENT INFORM FAA OF FOREGOING AND SEEK ESTABLISH
APPROPRIATELY HIGH PRIORITY FOR AFFIRMATIVE FAA REPLY
IN LIKELY EVENT THAT GOS REQUESTS SERVICES OF AIRPORT
SECURITY SPECIALIST.

WACHOB

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, AIRPORTS, PROCEDURAL SECURITY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ellisoob
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MBABAN01564
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760343-0884
From: MBABANE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760970/aaaachwy.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 212490, 76 STATE 215467
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 APR 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <10 AUG 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY
TAGS: EAIR, WZ, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006